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September 2008

September Recycling Pick-up dates:

September 2 & 3

September 16 & 17

September 30 & October 1

From the Selectmen's Office

Here are the waste tonnage figures for the months of
June and July:

121.6	150.79	tons of mixed solid waste
26.91	20.34	tons of recycling

There were 5 collection weeks in the month of July.

Julie Stevens

Recycling News

If you've been wondering why your recyclables are being picked up in a garbage truck and no longer being separated into different compartments, here is the answer.

Northside Carting, who has been contracted by the Town for pick-up of solid waste and recyclables, has switched to single-stream recycling. What does this mean? It means all recyclables can be combined in your recycling bin; they are comingled at collection, and then go through an automated separation process at the recycling plant. It's really quite an amazing process!!! We have a DVD explaining the procedure available at the Selectmen's office for anyone who would like more information.

Julie Stevens, Administrative Assistant

Important Dates Coming Up

Tuesday, Sept. 9: State Primary Election Day
8:00 am – 7:00 pm Community Center, Rte. 125

Saturday, Sept. 13: Hazardous Waste Collection
8:00 am – 12 noon Town Highway Shed, Rte. 111A
10 gallons or 10 pounds

From the Supervisors of the Checklist

A 30-Day Letter Notice of Removal ! Why?

As you know, important elections are scheduled for September 9, 2008, the State Primary Election, and on November 4, 2008, the Federal/Presidential Election. In preparation for these events the Voters' Checklist must be as accurate as possible. It's the law and also the legislated role of the Supervisors of the Checklist.

Deciding if a person is *domiciled* in Brentwood is an essential ongoing part of our duty and a challenging task. There can be **only one domicile for voting purposes and physical presence is required**. Although there are other essential elements like confirming identity, age and citizenship that are part of the registration process, these requirements generally don't change over time (other than age).

For the last two years we have been busy checking the list for duplicate voters with other towns and voting jurisdictions in the state. Registered Brentwood voters have already helped us by supplying additional identifying information, i.e., date and place of birth, middle names and driver's license numbers, naturalization papers and affidavit documents, which makes our job easier.

Recently, we have been reviewing town records: Deeds of Purchase and Sales, State Vital Records (deaths) and street listings for possible duplication or domicile questions. As a result when domicile questions come up, a *30-Day Letter Notice of Removal* is sent along with a *Domicile Affidavit*.

What should you do if you received a Removal Letter? Know that your name *will not be removed from the Voters Checklist for 30-Days*. The Supervisors must meet to take any action regarding changes to the Checklist. The scheduled meeting date is noted in the letter. This date is the last date for you to respond. So, please respond as soon as possible with the documentation requested in the letter:

Proof of domicile presented in person at the Town Office to the Town Clerk or at the scheduled Supervisors Meeting. Such proof may be:

A photocopy of your driver's license **OR**

Vehicle registration **OR**

Other document with your name and address **OR**

TOWN OF BRENTWOOD On the Web: www.brentwoodnh.gov**TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR:**

Phone: 642-6400 X 14
 Monday–Thursday 9:00-4:30
 Tuesday evening 7:00-9:00
 Friday 8:30-4:00
 Saturday 9:00-12:00

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Phone: 642-6400 X 10 Fax: 642-6310
 Monday–Thursday 8:00-4:30
 Friday 9:00-1:00

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

Phone: 642-3355 E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.net
 On the Web: www.brentwoodlibrary.org
 Monday 2-7 Thursday 9-5
 Tuesday 9-5 Friday 9-1
 Wednesday 9-5 Saturday 9-1
 Story Hours: Tuesday 10:30 and 2:00 Wednesday 10:30

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487
 Swasey School on the Web: <http://scs.sau16.org>
 SAU 16 on the Web: <http://www.sau16.org>

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If you don't have any of this documentation, complete and return the *Domicile Affidavit* sent with the 30-Day Letter.

All documentation must be received on or before the scheduled Supervisors Meeting noted in the letter. If no documentation is received your name will be removed from the Voters Checklist and you won't be able to vote without reregistering with the appropriate documentation and within the state-determined time frame before Election Day. Reminder: You can register on the day of election.

The current Voter Checklist is posted in the Town Office with the Town Clerk, at the Brentwood Country Store and on line at <http://brentwoodnh.gov/>.

Supervisors of the Checklist

Mary Clancey, Chair, Martha Clark, JoAnn Allison

Brentwood Fire Station Building Committee

The Brentwood Fire Station Building Committee will hold a meeting at the Brentwood Town Office Building on **Monday, September 22, 2008 at 7:00 PM.**

The public is invited to attend.

Jane L. Byrne, Secretary

Bake Sale on Primary Election Day

The Historical Society will have a bake sale table at the Community Center, with approval from the Selectmen, on Tuesday, September 9, N.H. Primary Election Day. Proceeds will benefit the work of the Society in preserving the history and artifacts of the town of Brentwood. Any donations of baked goods from interested residents will be greatly appreciated.

Meals for Seniors

Come join us for an hour... Enjoy Good Food, Good Company, and Good Times. A place to meet old and new friends -- and all for a suggested donation of \$2.00.

Meals on Wheels serves daily luncheons Monday through Friday at 11:30 for everyone 60 years and older. We are located at the First Baptist Church on the corner of North Road and Rte. 125.

We also provide transportation to and from the site (*subject to van availability*). Reservations are required and can be made by calling 679-4696. We would love to have you join us. You may also call to request a menu.

Amy Becker

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Deadline for October Issue: Wednesday, Sept. 24

Mail or bring your articles to Linda Rousseau, 90 Prescott Road, Brentwood, NH 03833,
 or e-mail to lindarou@rcn.com

Mosquito Born Illness Prevention

As most of you are probably aware, N.H. has had its first positive testing of West Nile Virus this year and it was close to home – Kensington. As a reminder we are including the prevention guidelines issued by the N.H. Dept of Health & Human Services.

The Selectmen's Office

Prevention Guidelines for West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis

NH Department of Health and Human Services,
Division of Public Health Services

1. Eliminate standing water and other mosquito breeding locations around your property.

Please do not attempt to drain or alter natural waterbodies for mosquito control, since the management of ponds and wetlands is regulated by the Department of Environmental Services and any planned alterations will require a permit before work may begin. In warm weather, mosquitoes can breed in any puddle that lasts more than 4 days!

- Remove old tires from your property.
 - Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, ceramic pots, or other containers. Don't overlook containers that have become overgrown by aquatic vegetation.
 - Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers that are left outside.
 - Make sure roof gutters are clean and draining properly.
 - Clean and chlorinate swimming pools and hot tubs. If not in use, keep empty and covered and keep covers free of standing water.
 - Aerate garden ponds or stock them with fish.
 - Turn over wheelbarrows and change water in bird-baths at least twice weekly.
 - Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use.
 - Remind or help neighbors to eliminate breeding sites on their properties.
- 2. Be aware of where mosquitoes live and breed and keep them from entering your home.**
- Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water. Weeds, tall grass, and bushes provide an outdoor home for adult mosquitoes, including several species commonly associated with West Nile virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis.
 - Mosquitoes can enter homes through unscreened windows or doors or broken screens. Make sure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens. Repair or replace all screens in your home that have tears or holes.
 - Resting mosquitoes can often be flushed from indoor resting sites by using sweeping motions under beds, behind bedside tables etc. and once in flight, exterminated prior to sleeping at night.

3. Protect yourself from mosquito bites.

If outside during evening, nighttime, and dawn hours when mosquitoes are most active and likely to bite, children and adults should wear protective clothing such as long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and socks.

- Consider the use of an effective insect repellent, such as one containing DEET. A repellent containing 30% or less DEET (N,N-diethyl-methyl-meta-toluamide) for children and adults. Use DEET according to the manufacturer's directions. Children should not apply DEET to themselves. Repellents that contain Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 have also been determined to be effective.
- Vitamin B, ultrasonic devices, incense, and bug zappers have not been shown to be effective in preventing mosquito bites.

For more information on West Nile Virus or Eastern Equine Encephalitis, call the NH Department of Health and Human Services toll-free West Nile Virus Information Line at 866-273-NILE (6543), or visit the DHHS website at www.dhhs.nh.gov.

Emergency Appeal

To all residents and businesses –

The 4th of July Committee is making a special appeal to those who meant to, but didn't get around to making a donation to the fireworks fund. As of today's date we have not received enough money to pay for this year's fireworks display. As always your donation is tax deductible. **It is never too late to support a celebration that has become a Brentwood tradition.**

To those of you who have already given we extend our sincere appreciation of your generous support.

Respectfully,

The Brentwood 4th of July Committee

Brentwood Fire Department

The Brentwood Fire Department responded to a total of 169 emergency and non-emergencies in the months of July and August combined. The ambulance responded to 52 calls and the fire department responded to 55 calls. There were 62 non-emergency responses, and they are further broken down below.

28 Fire Inspections and fire prevention-related duties

14 Burn permits issued

11 Fire alarm and hydrant tests

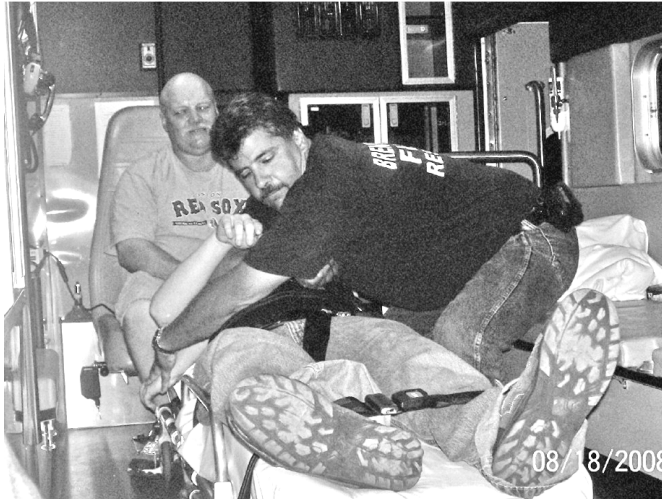
6 Public assists

3 Fire drills

As a reminder, **burn permits are required**, rain or shine. Please call the fire station Monday through Friday during the daytime, on the day you wish to burn; and call on Friday before 4:30 pm for a weekend permit.

Lt. Alan Prina

New Self-Protection Program



John Isabel and Joe Bird, Brentwood Firefighter/EMT's, practice with Darryl Brazee, instructor, on the stretcher.

On Monday, August 18, the Brentwood Fire Department hosted a new program called "GET SAFE," a non-combative, self-protection program taught by Shinobi Martial Arts Center in Plaistow, New Hampshire.

"GET SAFE" teaches providers how to protect themselves or remove themselves from a potentially harmful situation that we as providers may encounter as we serve our communities.

Darryl Brazee or Dennis Mahoney from Shinobi Martial Arts Center located at 95 Plaistow Road, Plaistow, NH 03865 have developed a program where they will come to your department and provide this education. This program teaches techniques of protection from combative or aggressive patients on the ground, an aggressive bystander or an aggressive patient in the back of the ambulance.

I received very positive comments from personnel attending the Brentwood Fire Department training and wanted to pass on the opportunity to others.

If you have any questions or would like to host a program, please contact Shinobi Martial Arts Center @ 603-382-9456.

Donna Vadeboncoeur
Captain/ EMS Coordinator
Brentwood Fire Department
642-8132

The Mailing Team for July-August

Many thanks on behalf of the community to members of the Town Office staff and their families who assembled the *Brentwood Newsletter* for mailing in July: Christine Belanger, Dan Belanger, Sharon Copeland, Jonathan Ellis, Jessica Pimental, Julie Stevens and Phyllis Thompson.

Linda Rousseau, Editor

Friends of the Library

The Friends are anxious to get back to business! To make it easier to get back in the groove, the first **Friends Meeting** of the fall will be held at The Green Bean on **Monday, September 8 at 11:30 am**. We will get an overview of events that have already been scheduled and finalize plans for the Brentwood Gathering, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 18. If you have not attended a Friends Meeting before, and are interested in becoming involved, this would be a great first meeting! Subsequent meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month at the Library at **9:30 am**, with October's meeting scheduled for **October 2**.

On **Thursday, September 25**, we will welcome **Lara Bricker at 7 pm**. Lara is a newspaper columnist and she will answer the burning question "**How do you milk a moose?**" as well as other pressing issues of the day which appear in her first book.

On **Friday, October 3** (with a rain date of October 4) the New Hampshire Astronomical Society will present an **intro to astronomy night** for Grades 3 and up. Guests will make their own star maps and then have the opportunity to go outside and view the sky through NHAS telescopes. Although there is no limit to the number of attendees, we will have signups to ensure enough telescopes are provided. Sincere appreciation to our generous Benefactor for providing the funds for this program.

Two more October dates I would like to mention are **Saturday, October 4** when we will host our **Fall Book Sale**. Come stock your book shelf for the cooler months. Another date you should add to your calendar is **Saturday, October 18** when we will host the **Brentwood Gathering** at the Brentwood Community Center. We are excited to offer you the chance to visit with many fine local crafters. Come get a head start on your holiday shopping.

I'd like to remind you about the pass programs provided by The Friends, which are available throughout the year. **The Fells** (www.thefells.org) in Newbury, NH is a lovely place to visit as the leaves begin to change. Enjoy a tour of the estate and meander through the paths on the lakeshore to enjoy some spectacular scenery. **Strawbery Banke** (www.strawberybanke.org) in Portsmouth offers many different programs to fit your interests. Other suggestions include: **Historic New England** (www.historicnewengland.org), the **Currier Museum** (www.currier.org), **Portsmouth Children's Museum** (www.childrens-museum.org), **Independence Museum** (www.independencemuseum.org), **Museum of Science** (www.mos.org), **Boston Children's Museum** (www.bostonkids.org), and **Museum of Fine Arts** (www.MFA.org). If you would like to recommend a museum or other attraction that we could offer as part of our pass program, let us know. We are happy to take your suggestions. Check out the complete listing at the Library.

Remember, you can contact the Friends by sending an email to marybartlett76@yahoo.com. If you would like to reach the library itself, their address is bartlettlibrary@comcast.net.

Michelle Siudut, Publicity

Familiar Faces in the Town Offices

NOTE: Many thanks to Deb O'Connor as she continues her interviews with the staff at the Town Offices. — Ed.



Carolyn Thorsell, Julie Stevens, Kathy St. Hilaire and Jessica Pimental.

Carolyn Thorsell is Brentwood's town bookkeeper and she has been serving in this position for eighteen years. She was also a school bus driver in Brentwood, so some of you might recognize her smiling face when you come to her window at the Town Office Building. Carol makes sure the payroll is done, pays the bills, manages assessment records and does this all in a very efficient and meticulous manner. She was an accounting major at the New Hampshire College of Accounting and Commerce (now Southeastern NH University) in Manchester.

Asked if she could point out any changes in her work as town bookkeeper, Carolyn replied that there have been two. With more personnel there has been increased complexity, but also increased efficiency with the use of computers. In addition, the Patriot software program allows the public to view property assessments independently. I was able (with only a little help) to print out my updated assessment "card" quite easily. This computer stationed in the center of the Town Office Building allows public independence and frees up staff time, improving productivity.

Carolyn states that working at the Town Office is like being in a family and this makes it a very enjoyable environment. She lives in Raymond with her husband and crochets in her spare time.

Julie Stevens became the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen in 2007 after having served as Town Treasurer for seven years. She comes across as calm, cool and collected which I think may be a criterion for this full-time position. Her responsibilities include recording minutes at the Selectmen's meetings, acting as a liaison between the Selectmen and town departments -- especially coordinating the budget process. Serving as Treasurer prior to being in this position gives Julie an advantage, as she is familiar with the budgets and the town departments. Since Brentwood is the county seat, the Brentwood Town Offices (including Julie) field a variety of questions from

citizens ranging from trash/recycling pick-up, directions to county facilities to .. "can you transfer me to Bretton Woods?"

Julie majored in business at the University of New Hampshire and worked at the New England Center as hotel manager for about eight years. She likes working at the Town Offices because "every day is different with new challenges and variety. I also like numbers," she said with a grin. This town is lucky to have such a model and personable employee as Julie Stevens.

Julie lives in Brentwood with her husband and two boys and plays soccer for recreation.

Kathy St. Hilaire is the Administrative Assistant to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. With light brown hair and bright blue eyes, she exudes a natural energy and warmth that put me immediately at ease. Since 2001 Kathy has worked for the Town of Brentwood preparing agendas for the boards' meetings, fielding questions about town zoning and state ordinances, and providing Glen Greenwood, town circuit rider/planner, with support. Asked about recent zoning changes Kathy said that Brentwood, like all towns in New Hampshire, will soon need to consider providing new zoning for affordable housing/work force housing for its citizens. Also, there is now a Town Center district zone. Zoning and planning are areas of town government that are in a state of change and Brentwood is lucky to have such a bright and personable employee managing this office.

Kathy has come to enjoy her position very much, stating it gives her "something new every day and that it is interesting learning about the process of planning and about changes that go on in town".

She lives in Brentwood with her husband Wayne and they have two children. For relaxation Kathy enjoys walking, snowmobiling and camping.

Brentwood's new Recreation Director, as of March 2008, is **Jessica Pimental**. She is in her office on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday to plan and coordinate programs for us. Luckily Brentwood has a newly-finished recreation facility in addition to its playing fields. With a diversity of population ages in the town, Jessica will be challenged with providing recreation for all citizens in Brentwood. Currently she is working on increasing family-oriented activities (including celebrating the holidays) and working with the Recreation Commission to continue those programs that have been so successful. With the playground project almost completed, Jessica is interested in supporting a committee for a possible skate park in town.

With a bachelor's degree in Spanish and a work background in social services, textbook publishing and technical writing, Jessica has developed a knack for multi-tasking, enjoys change and brings an energy and passion to this position. Her face shines with anticipation as she talks about potential programs for Brentwood. She lives in Raymond with her husband (a Brentwood police officer) and son. Jessica enjoys spending family time at the park for recreation.

Deb O'Connor

Club UnderALLS TEEN DANCE CLUB

Club UnderALLS celebrated a great night on July 18th. For our first summer event we had over 70 teens from the surrounding towns, it was fantastic. Stormy weather and tornado warnings and we still managed to have fun and stay safe. We celebrated with a Beach Party and had colored leis on the tables. We have added a light show to the party and will continue to add to it as we can.

We are experimenting with additional games to win prizes. In July we added a teen version of musical chairs and had 5 lucky winners. All winners were able to support themselves on the same one chair, winning \$10 each for the game.



The theme in August was Crazy Eights. A good night for the summer; with just over 60 teens participating. We even had some travel from Milford, New Hampshire and as far away as Sweden to catch the dance. The newly installed air conditioning and industrial fans were much appreciated by all.

Become a member of Club UnderALLS and have your picture taken in front of the Club banner. Include a couple of the Security staff in the picture if you desire.



We have put the schedule together for the remainder of the year. Mark your calendars.

September 19, 2008 – Back to School
October 24, 2008 – Halloween Party
November 14, 2008 – Winter Wonderland
December 12, 2008 – Christmas Party

Teens addressed post cards when entering the club in May and June. We were able to mail out the cards at the beginning of July and August. The third mailing will be the first week in September. If you would like to be on our mailing list send an email to info@clubunderalls.com and we will add you.

Be sure to check out the photos from previous dances on the website. Birthday Parties welcome. Call Michele for details and special pricing. Club Member-ships and T-shirts are now available for purchase.

If there are any questions feel free to contact Michele at 702-1523, email at info@clubunderalls.com or check out the website www.clubunderalls.com.

Thanks to all of the parents, grandparents and siblings for driving your teens to Club UnderALLS. We truly appreciate your support.

Michele Whitehouse

The Brentwood Gardeners

After taking the summer months off to tend to our own gardens and those around town, the Brentwood Gardeners will resume their monthly meetings on **Wednesday, September 24**. Join us at the Brentwood Community Center at **7 pm** for a speaker from Churchill's who will present "Fall Magic." Learn creative ways to exalt fall in your gardens.

We have had some new members join the Gardeners this spring and summer and look forward to welcoming them. If you are interested in learning more about the Gardeners please come along to the next meeting. Guests are always welcome.

If you would like more information or have any questions please send an email to brentwoodgardeners@yahoo.com !

Michelle Siudut

Achievements

Ashley M. Rhodes, daughter of George and Paula Rhodes of South Road, graduated Cum Laude from Berklee College of Music in Boston on May 10 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music, majoring in Song-writing.

At the Stratham Fair this summer the following Brentwood young people in 4-H earned special ribbons:

Michael Liebfried, 9 – blue ribbon and purple favorite things rosette for his snowman exhibit. Also a blue rosette for his exhibit Finishing Touches: Painting Window Casings.

Rebecca-lyn Liebfried, a blue rosette for her exhibit Tasty Treats – Mixes in a Jar. Second place, youth division, Yeast Bread competition, twisted bread sticks.

Brentwood Recreation News

The Community Playground of Brentwood Grand Opening Celebration

Saturday, September 13 (rain date Sept. 14)

12:30pm ~Ribbon Cutting~
 12:45-1:45pm Lunch Served (hot dogs, chips, soda)
 1:45-2:45pm Pickup Flag Football Game
 2:00-3:00pm Trail Walk (did you know we have trails at the BRC? Come check 'em out!)
 3:15pm Cake Served...yummy!

*All Activities are for children and adults alike; there is no charge for any event or for lunch, we just ask that you donate a small amount to help pay the remainder of the Playground balance.

Water Country Discounted Tickets

We still have a limited number of these tickets left, available from both the Town Clerk's office and the Rec Office. Cost is \$25 each, a savings of \$9.99 off normal admission price. They do not expire and can be used any day that Water Country is open.



Pumpkins and Scarecrows

Halloween is only two months away! Events are simple and relaxed this year, but we NEED VOLUNTEERS (call Jessica 642-6400 x20.) The celebration will take place the afternoon of Saturday, October 25 at the Recreation Fields and Community Center, and will include fun for the entire family. Schedule to come in the October Newsletter (but I tell you now that you should get your hands ready to do some pumpkin-carvin' and some scarecrow-stuffin'!)

► We're hoping that some local businesses will be able to donate several *Bales of Hay* and *Apple Cider* for this event; please call Jessica to arrange donation 642-6400 X 20. ◀

Foxwoods Trip

The next Foxwoods trip will depart from the Brentwood Community Center parking lot at 7:30am on Monday, October 27, 2008 and return by 7:30pm. Cost per person is \$35 and includes: buffet lunch, \$15 bet, coffee & doughnuts on the way there, water & snack on the way back, and worry-free transportation in a deluxe coach. We must have 30 people signed up by October 9 to secure the coach, so send your checks in early!

Red Cross Courses

The annual Babysitters Course was held August 5 at the BCC. We'll be planning another course for next summer, and are in the process of planning some Adult CPR/First Aid courses to offer at the BCC this fall. Stay tuned for more information.



Play Soccer Camp

Dozens of Brentwood children attended this year's Play Soccer Camps, and (reportedly) came away with some wonderful memories. Our very own Fire Department has historically played a role in the final day of each session, joining in on an elaborate water fight with the kids (Play Soccer said we're the only town whose FD does this!). This year they attended the first session (thank you, BFD!), but were unable to attend the second due to problems with a truck—they were greatly missed by the kids, but all the more reason to look forward to next year's big Water Battle! We hope to keep up this tradition. Parents: keep an eye on the Rec news for our 2009 Play Soccer dates. It will be one session only, in late July/early August.

www.playsoccercamps.com

Ladies' Game Night

Every second Wednesday of the month from 7-9pm, ladies are invited to the Brentwood Community Center for Ladies' Game Night. Try a game of Apples to Apples or Cranium, or bring your own favorite game to play. For more information, email Katherine at

katherineknight@gmail.com.

Fall Soccer Grades K-3

Games start on September 6 and will continue every Saturday morning through the end of October. We still need Snack Shack Volunteers to run the stand on several Saturday mornings...call or email Jessica if you wish to give a few hours of time for this.

► Brentwood Recreation is looking for an **aerobics instructor** interested in holding classes at the Community Center. Please call Jessica. We also have a need for someone to assist with **grant writing**. If you have a talent for this, and the time, please call or email to find out how you can help. ◀

► Did you know that the Brentwood Recreation Facilities are available for private rentals? And the **Community Center is now air conditioned**! Residents and businesses from surrounding towns have held a variety of events there, from wedding receptions and birthday parties to training classes and company picnics. Rates are very reasonable. Call or email for more information or to set up a showing of the facilities.

Jessica M. Pimental, Recreation Director

642-6400 ext. 20

recreation@brentwoodnh.gov

**Office Hours: Mondays & Thursdays 8:30am-1:30pm
 Tuesdays 12-8:30pm**

Playground Committee Update



Volunteer dads installing the Community Playground.

THANK YOU! The Community Playground of Brentwood is installed and ready for fun. This project would not have been possible if it were not for the generous donations of both time and money from residents and businesses of Brentwood. There are still a few items that the Recreation Department needs to complete, like the covered picnic area and some items for younger children, but the hardest work is complete. We sincerely appreciate the support we received on this project and to celebrate the completion we invite the community to our **GRAND OPENING on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at 12:30 p.m.** Come and see the playground, catch up with friends and have some fun. The playground is located at the BRC Fields on RTE 125. Can't wait to see you there!

From your playground committee:

Pam Carr, Seth Carr, Kellie Risner-Day, Mandi Elmore, Jim Michaud and Erica Regan

The Committee would like to thank Heather Seeley for her interest in our project and taking the time and effort to write the following summary.

The Community Playground of Brentwood

The Brentwood Recreation Center (BRC) on Route 125 maintains several sports fields that serve as areas for athletes and sports teams to practice and play. But, as many parents know, child spectators tend to lose interest in sports when they are not participating. Young children have had no way of entertaining themselves at the fields. This will no longer be a problem now that the BRC Community Playground has been completed.

Pamela Carr and Mandi Elmore are two Brentwood residents who answered the call from the BRC to form a playground committee. They approached the Commission at a meeting and offered to take over the playground construction project. The Recreation Commission had long understood the need for a playground at the fields and the need for children of all ages to have a good time there. After the BRC accepted Carr and Elmore's proposal, a playground committee was formed. Its

members included Carr, Elmore, Seth Carr, Jim Michaud, Erica Regan, Kellie Day, Pam Oulundsen, and Sarah Boddy-Snee. Working under the BRC, they agreed to raise funds for the playground, and then construct it.

The committee's funding goal for the playground was \$40,000. Several fundraising events were held in Brentwood. The two most successful were a Daddy-Daughter Dance that took place at the BRC, and the "Granite Sign" Fundraiser. The Sign Fundraiser attracted many businesses that were willing to donate money in return for having their names engraved on a donor sign. Other fundraisers included a pancake breakfast, a yard sale, and the raffling of a plasma screen television. Then in June, the playground project was awarded Brentwood's Christmas Tree Limo Grant, a fund raised locally by volunteers to help any eligible Brentwood community organization or service. All in all, the playground committee's efforts paid off. In only one year they raised over \$25,000.

After successful fundraising, the "dirty" work of installation was taken care of through the efforts of many volunteers. Jim Michaud was the main organizer of the excavation efforts. The Dirt Factory dug out the site and did most of the excavation work. Companies that donated trucks, excavators, backhoes, and other machines for the site work include Chappell Tractor, Rock Iron Transportation, Michaud Bus Sales, and G & J Trucking. Eric Turer and Wayne St. Hilaire also donated personal tractors and many hours of labor. A number of area businesses donated supplies for the playground's installation. The Quikrete Companies donated concrete mix, Pike Industries donated tons of crushed landscape stone, the PR Russell Company donated playground mulch, and Seacoast Mills Building Supply donated landscaping ties. Brentwood Fence also dug holes and set up a fence.

The work on the construction site began the week of July 7. About 30 volunteers showed up early on July 12 and July 19 to dig, haul supplies, and help erect the community playground. Several businesses donated food and drink for the hard-working volunteers. Starbuck's of Epping donated coffee. Panera Bread of Concord donated pastries, bagels, and cookies. Goody Cole's donated sandwiches and barbeque, and the Fremont House of Pizza gave 12 large pizzas for the volunteers. Sam's Club donated water and Gatorade, and the Meat House donated \$75 towards food. Finally, the Constance family donated 4 cases of water for the installation crew.

The playground installation was completed the weekend of July 19. The Recreation Department plans to install a shaded picnic area near the playground, but that and other additions will come later as the fund-raising continues. Donations for the playground area are welcomed and can be sent c/o Brentwood Recreation Department, 1 Dalton Rd, Brentwood, NH 03833 (make checks payable to Brentwood Recreation Department).

Heather Seeley

Brentwood Historical Society

September meeting/tour

The first event of September for the Historical Society will be a private tour of the two buildings of the American Independence Museum in Exeter. Scheduled for **Wednesday, September 10**, this will be for Historical Society members only. Any resident or friend who would like to participate in this tour may become a member of the Historical Society by September 10 by calling Alma Vahey, president, 679-8635.

More improvements were made to the Museum building in August. The front porch now has new lattice screening from the floor to the ground, and the front doors have been fitted with new screen doors. Many thanks to all our male members who have added so many welcome improvements in the past year.

Antique & Heirloom Valuation Day ! The Historical Society is looking forward to its first event of this kind on **Saturday, September 27, 10 am to 1 pm at the Museum, 140 Crawley Falls Road.** See the box on p. 13 for details.

October program: Dowsing . The October meeting will be at the Museum on **Thursday, October 9, 7:30 pm.** The speaker will be Will Clark of Concord, member of the American Society of Dowsters. He will answer all the questions we've ever had about this traditional technique, which is much in practice to the present day.

Vintage Vehicle Day . Following last year's very successful event, the Historical Society will sponsor a second **Vintage Vehicle Day, Saturday, October 18, from 10am to 1 pm.** Doug Cowie is again coordinating this enjoyable day. For questions or information please contact him at 642-4157.

For general information call Alma Vahey, president, at 679-8635 or Norman Wilson, curator, 772-6997.

Linda Rousseau for the Historical Society

Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

We always owe so many people thanks for their dedication and generosity to the Mary E. Bartlett Library. Grace Wood, who worked and volunteered her time here for many years, is a prime example of commitment to a cause. Believe me when I say that our library qualified as a cause when she was here. The entire library consisted of one room and the collection was sparse to say the least. Grace saw the library grow over the years and was proud of her part in making into the library it is today. Recently, Grace passed away at age 93. She always said that what would bother her most about dying would be the lack of knowing what's happening to everybody. All I can say, Grace, is that all is good here at the library thanks to a lot of good people like you.

Story hours will be starting again on **Tuesday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m.** We will have a very special story hour to celebrate our new Japanese Garden. Thanks

to Linda and Kevin Johnston who created this beautiful area under the guidance of their daughter-in-law, Kaori Johnston's father, Takeshi Sayama. Joyce Miller is going to read some well chosen Japanese stories and the craft will be an origami paper project.

Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day is the choice for our **Ladies Night Movie at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 11.** The first **Friday Night Flick** of the new season will be *101 Dalmatians* starring Glen Close and a whole bunch of dogs on **September 19 at 7:00 p.m.**

Ashley's Book Group will be meeting on Tuesday, **September 16 at 5:30 p.m.** to discuss *Wolf Brother* by Michelle Paver and eat pizza.

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee is this month's choice for the Brentwood **Book Discussion Group.** Yes, there will be goodies on **Monday evening, September 29 at 7:00 p.m.**

Thanks to the *Benefactor* Program, we'll be having a very special **Star Party** here hosted by members of the New Hampshire Astronomical Society, who will present an introduction to astronomy. Attendees will make their own star maps and there will be a demonstration of how to use telescopes. This program is for children in **Grades 3 and up** and **sign-ups are required for October 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

"Where did it go?" seems to be the most popular question lately. It might have felt like a quick summer, but there are lots of good memories about all that was accomplished during the five weeks of Summer Reading. This could not have been achieved without the help of so many people. Thanks to all the parents, children, relatives, and friends who encouraged reading throughout the entire summer, attended the various programs and workshops, and donated items for our Children's Store.

All our programs were sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and we are so appreciative for all their help. They have done so much for us over the years. Businesses also were generous and gave donations. Thanks to Jimmy Lee's Ice Cream in Kingston, Captain's Cove Adventure Golf in Hampton, Shaw's of Stratham, Pizza Hut, and McDonald's.

My personal thanks go to Bea Matheson for suggesting and instructing the creative Book Bag Workshop, to Joyce Keegal for being my hard-working "fairy" partner, and to the Matheson family for their help with the "Sundae" event.

I give a big round of applause to those talented dancers, singers, and comical joke tellers, who made the first Variety Show such a special one. You were terrific! Hope we see you and others next year.

Marilyn Morehead, Library Director

Pack 192 Attends BSA Camp Carpenter Weekend Family Camp



Learning the fine art of marble shooting

Families from Pack 192 visited Daniel Webster Council's fun weekend of family camping at Camp Carpenter in Manchester, N.H. on August 9 and 10. The session began on Saturday morning and concluded on Sunday morning with meals provided in Camp Carpenter's Dining Hall. Cub Scout-aged boys can attend with their mother, father, or the entire family! Weekend Family Camp is a great introduction for Cub Scouts and their parents to see what Camp Carpenter Cub World is all about!

Many of the program areas offered at Cub World's week-long Resident Camp were open for the family to enjoy. Cub Scouts and their families used the extensive waterfront area for swimming, boating and fishing. Boys and their families tested their shooting sports skills at the archery and BB ranges, made crafts, enjoyed Knight-themes at "Fort (castle) Friendship" and took nature hikes. There was a marble tournament, scavenger hunt and kickball game versus the camp staff. And no camping experience is complete without the spirit-filled campfire that was put on by the staff on Saturday evening.

Accommodations for the weekend included two-person wall tents on platforms with cots. Wash facilities were at each campsite and shower houses were also available.

Tom Ryan, Pack 192 Cubmaster
679-4616

Brentwood's Cub Scouting Program

Brentwood is home to one of the seacoast's most active Cub Scouting programs. Tom Ryan, an Eagle Scout and father of two young boys, assumed leadership of the Pack in January and has made it his mission to "keep it simple and make it fun." The Pack's many parent volunteers draw on a range of experiences and interests in structuring activities through which our Scouts explore their community and the world around them. Some of the activities we have planned for the coming year—like hiking and camping in the White Mountains and geo-caching at

Great Bay Discovery Center—connect kids with the natural world. Others, like collecting canned goods for the food bank, connect our Scouts with the people around them.

Our Pack meets at 6:30pm on the third Friday of each month at the Pilgrim UCC Church on Middle Road. We maintain an active uniform bank and hold numerous fundraisers throughout the year in an effort to make Scouting accessible to all families. If you have a boy who is interested in Scouting please contact Tom or Tressa Ryan at 679-4616, or visit our website at: www.brentwoodpack192.com to learn more.

Kris Keenan for Pack 192

Parent Faculty Group

Welcome Back! We hope that you are just as excited as we are for the upcoming school year. Our first meeting will be **September 16 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Swasey School Library. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing some new faces this year. Win a \$20 GAS CARD! This prize will be raffled at the September 16 meeting; each person in attendance will be entered into the drawing.

Fall Fundraisers. This fall there will be three opportunities to support the enrichment programs that the PFG provides for the students of Swasey School. We hope that these fundraisers will offer useful items for your family!

Become a PFG member! Becoming a PFG member supports the entire Swasey community, plus you will receive the famous "Yellow Memo Pad" and a PFG pencil for easy communication with the school

The Genevieve catalog will be arriving in the Wednesday folder very soon. This catalog offers a wide variety of wrapping paper and gift items; you can also send online ordering information to far off friends and family.

In art class students will be creating art work that you can have made into note cards. These are great to have for home use and to give as holiday gifts.

Swasey Phone Book. We look forward to publishing yet another edition of the phone book! Please look for the Swasey Phone Book information sheet in the Wednesday Folder. The phone book is an extremely useful item for communicating with other parents and students at Swasey School. Interested in advertising in the Swasey Phone Book? Contact Lisa Bradsher for more information (lmbradsher@comcast.net)

Box Tops. Once again we will be collecting BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION. Last year we collected enough BOX TOPS to purchase two pottery wheels for the art program and this year our goal is to raise enough to purchase a new sound system for the school. Please send in your box tops to the school or drop them off at the Bartlett Library.

Pam Carr

From Your State Representative

After no legislative work in July, in August I began going back to Concord on legislative business. On the 19th my committee, Executive Departments and Administration, heard testimony in the morning from representatives of the state's medical board. They were answering a report from auditors that the board was not following proper procedures for licensing physicians. In the afternoon I participated in the first meeting of a commission to examine the feasibility of establishing a cost of living allowance (COLA) for retirees covered by the state retirement system. The speaker of the house had appointed me to that commission.

I note this to let you know that the work of state representatives and senators continues in the summer and fall, after the end of the legislative session in June. The work of committees and commissions will continue in the coming months. During this time, on average I'll be driving to Concord twice a week.

Property taxes: Many or most of you may fully understand the components of your property tax bill and how they are determined. But for those of you who do not, here is a rundown of the figures that appear on property tax bills:

The **assessed valuation** of a home is a result of property assessments, which by state law are made **every five years**. During those five years, assessed valuations do not change whether market values either go up or go down. If homeowners believe the assessment of their property is in error, they can file for an abatement after receipt of the fall tax bill but before March 1st of the following year.

The next figures on the tax bill to be considered are the dollar amounts property owners must pay per \$1,000 of their property's assessed value:

- **\$3.00 per \$1,000 goes to pay town operating expenses**, including salaries, vehicle purchase and maintenance, energy costs, building and road maintenance, and so forth. Expenses have risen from \$1.50 in 2005 and \$2.33 in 2006 to \$3.00 in 2007.
- The amount to support the county's expenditures has remained pretty steady in the past three years at just shy of \$.90. Currently **the county share of your tax bill is \$.89 per \$1,000**.
- **The largest component of the property tax bill is for our schools.** It varies from year to year based on the voter-approved school budgets. From \$12.75 in 2005, the school portion of the tax bill rose to \$15.21 in 2006 and then went down **in 2007 to \$14.30 per \$1,000**. The \$14.30 makes up 70% of the total tax bill.
- **The state property tax** is the other component of your tax bill. Set by the Department of Revenue Administration in Concord, it hasn't varied much these past three years -- \$2.28 in 2005, \$2.32 in 2006, and **\$2.23 in 2007**.

The current total tax is \$20.42 per 1,000. Thus if you have a house with an assessed value of \$200,000, your tax would be \$4,084.

Property taxpayers bear the brunt of taxation that individuals pay in this state. How can the rate be lowered?

One way would be to lower the amount going for our schools. Easy to say, but what costs can be reduced if we continue to want to give Brentwood's children a good education and if the school budgets have little if any fat in them? As for the town and county, the funds to their facilities and services also are not inflated and have been supported by voters. The statewide property tax, which was instituted in 1999 following the state supreme court's ruling that the state had to offset the fact that some districts had less taxable resources than others to devote to school funding, cannot, as a practical matter, be eliminated.

Which leaves us with the concept that components of the property tax could be reduced or eliminated by creation of a broad-based tax reserved for school funding throughout the state. That is, a state income tax or a sales tax. But unless New Hampshire's voters conclude that the burden on property owners must be eased and a broad-based tax is the only practicable way to do it, no such tax will come into being.

Don Petterson

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Historical Notes

During those years [1700s and 1800s] many families operated their own saw mills. They were often located on small streams, dammed temporarily until no longer needed. Cider mills were quite common. These mills did not need much water power since horses or oxen, hitched to a turnstile, walked in a circle providing the power to grind the apples. Milton Smith, born 1868, recalls that each fall at cider making time it was his job as a small boy to sit beside the "squeezers" in the cider mill across the road from Norman Smith's home [241 Route 125] and push off the chunks of apple which had lodged on the "nuts." The juice in that mill was strained through oat straw.

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Early maps give evidence of blacksmith shops in all sections of town. These shops, which made shoes for oxen and horses, iron parts for sleds, as well as other iron articles, were a vital necessity in a farming community. There were often harness shops nearby. The tanning of leather was an important industry and one can still see evidence of tanneries as one walks the abandoned roads of the town. These pits, located beside the edge of a stream of water, were built with stone walls about four to seven feet across. The pit being about four feet deep allowed the water to seep in and out to cure the hides. A small building was erected over the pit. Stories of the odor from the pits where the leather was cured make one realize that air pollution is not a modern problem. The *New Hampshire Gazetteer* of 1875 records that \$10,000 worth of leather was produced in this town annually.

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Brentwood Seniors

The Brentwood Seniors will meet **Wednesday, September 24** at the **Brentwood Community Center**. The period from 11:00 to 11:30 am will be for setting up, appetizers and conversation. The business meeting will begin at 11:30 and the lunch buffet will open for serving about 11:45. Musical entertainment after lunch will be provided by Ronnie Chase, who plays several instruments and sings a great variety of songs.

The Pot Luck luncheon will feature pot roast of beef, prepared by president Joe Gancarz. Members are asked to bring the following: those whose last names begin with A-L, appetizers or vegetables; M-O, salads; P-Z, desserts.

The Seniors have been enjoying over 90% attendance at their recent meetings, and they welcome new members at any time. Dues are \$5.00 per person per year. Assistance with transportation can be provided. For information call Joe Gancarz, president, at 642-5830.

Linda Rousseau for the Seniors

Note from the Brentwood Ladies Auxiliary

It is with deep regret that the Brentwood Ladies Auxiliary announces that **they will no longer be sponsoring a Penny Sale**. We thank everyone for their many years of support. If you need any further information, please call 772-2928.

Mary Clancey for the Auxiliary

Brentwood Firefighter Scholarship

The Brentwood Firemen's Association would like to thank all those who applied for the Brentwood Firefighters' Memorial Scholarship. The award is given annually to graduating high school senior(s) attending their first year of higher education in fire science, emergency medicine, or a related field.

This year the award was given to **Erika West** and **Kristopher Perkins**. Erika West is the daughter of Brian West of Brentwood and Lynne Smith of Fremont. Erika plans to attend Colby Sawyer College in New London this fall, majoring in nursing. Kristopher Perkins is the son of Andy and Louise Artimovich of Brentwood and Jere Perkins of Pembroke. Kris is currently a Brentwood firefighter and former Fire Explorer. Kris plans on attending the New Hampshire Community Technical College in Laconia, majoring in fire science. We wish them both well in their future endeavors.

*Alan Prina for the
Brentwood Firemen's Association*

Business Card Directory

Following is an alphabetical list of those whose cards are in this month's Business Card Directory. They are interested in making their services available to you, their fellow residents. Save these pages and consult them when you're looking for a service.

Adventure Dog Daycare – Shannon O'Brien
 Apple Annie – Joanie and Charlie Pratt
 Appliance Services, Inc. – Wayne St. Hilaire
 Arbonne International – Michelle Siudut
 Beaulieu Cabinetry – David Beaulieu
 Beebop Technologies – Sean Hartnett
 Brentwood Chiropractic Center – Will & Lanie Herrick
 Brentwood Country Animal Hospital – Jody Kaufman
 Brentwood Fence – Rob Thibeault
 Brentwood Power Equipment Center – David Flagg
 Burke's Trucks – Mark Francis
 Buxton Oil & Water – Donna Buxton
 Cadieux's Flooring – Tom & Jill Cadieux
 Creative Self Storage – Peter Morin
 Deer Hill Electric – Roger Savage
 Difeo Oil & Propane – Robert Locascio
 Dionne Rototilling – George Dionne
 Discovery Toys – Elizabeth Faria
 Exeter Motor Works/Exeter Foreign Car – Dan Gill
 Financial Clarity Advisors – Howard Cadwell
 Four Corners Farm Riding Instruction – Joy Seymour
 Gallant, D.L. Equipment Repair – David Gallant
 Goodrich, Peter – Carpentry & Construction
 Hometown Heating – Carol Holt
 Hub Real Estate – Michael Hubbard
 MacMahon Renovation Solutions – Bruce MacMahon
 Mansfield, Douglas – Atty. at Law
 Mary Kay – Paula Beebe
 Michaud Bus Sales – Jim Michaud
 Michelle's Pet Spaw – Michelle Powers
 Mortenson-DuFresne Monumental Works – Doug Finan
 Murphy & Murphy Real Estate – Dot Murphy
 Neal, Pat & Son Excavating – Pat Neal
 New England Dragway
 New Venture Pet Sitting – Kim Belliveau
 Nici Automotive Services – Gene Nici
 Picture Perfect Photography – David Thomas
 Seacoast Mills Building Supply – Mary Bosch
 Seekamp Environmental Consulting – Patrick Seekamp
 Swasey, Russell – Carpenter-BUILDER
 Tibbetts, John D. – Building & Repairs
 Tony Leclerc Insurance Agency -- Tony Leclerc
 Wildlife Control Operator – Dan Siudut
 Yard Work – Kim Lord
 Your Gardening Angel – Pat MacDonald

Storyteller & Pizza at Pilgrim Church on September 13!

The members and friends of Pilgrim Church invite you to join us in celebrating the beginning of a new program year! On Saturday, September 13 we will welcome the Rev. Angela Menke Ballou for a wonderful evening of storytelling at Pilgrim Church. This is an event for all ages!! Angela serves as Associate Minister for Second Congregational Church in Beverly, Mass. Her interests and background include storytelling, peace advocacy, and community service. She is a member of the Network of Biblical Storytelling, and enjoys bringing the Biblical stories to life, as well as exploring folk stories and midrashim (an ancient Jewish method of interpreting Biblical texts).

Angela's interest in peacemaking and justice work have taken her to Northern Ireland, Israel/Palestine, and the US/Mexico border. She believes that sharing our stories across culture and giving voice to injustice offer healing and hope to the world.

We'll begin the evening at 5:30 PM with a pizza dinner – the dinner is free, but we'd like you to let us know you're coming so we will have plenty of food. **If you'd like to join us, please call the church at 778-3189 or email pilgrimucc@pilgrimucc-nh.org.** We'd love to have you share the evening with us!

You are also most welcome to worship with us on Sunday mornings at 10:30. Pilgrim Church is a progressive Christian community, a place where there is always plenty going on! We have a Sunday school program (beginning Sept. 7) in which the children learn Bible stories through storytelling, cooking, crafts, drama, and music. Adults have a Sunday morning Bible Study Group that begins at 9:30 AM on Sept. 28. We have a choir, a weekly current events discussion group and a monthly book discussion group. Through the Seacoast Interfaith Hospitality Network we provide housing and meals for families who are temporarily without adequate shelter. We serve a number of wonderful community dinners and have a monthly fellowship breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We enjoy an exciting partnership with Gwenzi United Church of Christ in Gwenzi, Zimbabwe.

Pilgrim Church is an "Open and Affirming" congregation of the United Church of Christ, a community that has pledged to welcome all people into the full life and ministry of the church. An Open and Affirming (ONA) congregation knows that many barriers still exist that prevent people from being able to bring their whole selves into worship. Therefore, our ONA statement offers a welcome to people of every marital, social, or economic status, race, physical or mental ability, emotional condition, sexual orientation or identity, ethnicity, gender, age, or previous religious affiliation.

We are also a "Just Peace" church, a community in which other issues of justice and peace are also a part of our life together. War and peace, environmental concerns, public education, affordable housing and livable wages are

among the topics we try to engage in and respond to. We envision a world living in "shalom," and pledge ourselves to do our small part to make life more bearable for all.

For information about our community of faith, come visit us at 197 Middle Road (Route 111A). You may reach the pastor, Rev. Kimberly S. McKerley, using the contact information printed above. We look forward to meeting you!

Rev. Kimberly McKerley

Historical Note

When the members of the Brentwood Historical Society toured the Museum of the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord last summer, they saw a remarkable replica of an "annual wheel of chores" that a farmer had made for himself. It was drawn by Robert Blair St. George and appeared in Vol. 2 of the book "New England Begins: the 17th Century." The months of the year were designed as pie wedges, with chores set in inner circles that might be called "field work," "yard and house work," and "barn work." For August through October these were the chores:

	Field Work	House & Yard	Barn
Aug	bring wheat home take hay to barn begin gathering apples for cider	sell bark to tanners buy salt for meats repair well (s) cut new fencing	horses from woods sell old cattle bring in calves
Sept.	set corn in sheds begin sowing new winter wheat sow new salt hay gather hops bring cut hay home	pale in yard cleave clapboards fix cart and wheels set up grain storage bins in barn	bleed horses part sheep
Oct.	finish sowing new winter wheat Indian corn to barn husk Indian corn gather turnips gather apples begin making cider gather garden squash	buy provisions needed for winter clear all yards	begin slaughtering finish sale of old beasts

Linda Rousseau

The Community Playground of Brentwood Grand Opening Celebration

Saturday, September 13 (rain date Sept. 14)

12:30pm ~Ribbon Cutting~
 12:45-1:45pm Lunch Served (hot dogs, chips, soda)
 1:45-2:45pm Pickup Flag Football Game
 2:00-3:00pm Trail Walk (did you know we have trails at the BRC? Come check 'em out!)
 3:15pm Cake Served...yummy!

*All Activities are for children and adults alike; there is no charge for any event or for lunch, we just ask that you donate a small amount to help pay the remainder of the Playground balance.

Looking for Crafters!

Due to the overwhelming demand for tables at The **Brentwood Gathering** - scheduled for **Saturday, October 18, 2008** - we are opening up additional space to invite more crafters to attend!

The Brentwood Gathering is a local craft fair focusing on Homemade and Handmade items. If you are a crafter interested in attending, please call the Library at 642-3355 or send a message to marybartlett76@yahoo.com. We are limiting vendors to two per craft, to ensure a wide variety and plenty of appeal to customers.

We are pleased to be using the Brentwood Community Center on Route 125 for this event. The building is newly renovated and will be the perfect place for not one but two floors of unique crafters! It has been quite a popular event in the past and is sure to be an even greater success at our new location. Mark the date of **Saturday, October 18 from 9 am to 2 pm**.

The Brentwood Gathering is sponsored by the Friends of the Mary Bartlett Memorial Library in Brentwood.

Michelle Siudut

Antique & Heirloom Valuation Day

Saturday, September 27, 10 am – 1 pm
Historical Society Museum, 140 Crawley Falls Rd.

Learn more about the Antiques and Collectibles you've wondered about for years!

The Experts: Dealers from Three Sisters Antiques, Kingston.

The Service: Information and opinion of value on items submitted.

For a \$5.00 donation, submit three items for examination and information.

What to Bring: Anything of interest and importance to you!

Jewelry, paintings, china, figurines, sculpture, textiles, books, papers, furniture.

All items will be examined in a friendly, courteous atmosphere!

Sponsored by the Brentwood Historical Society
 For more information: Alma Vahey, president, 679-8635
 Linda Rousseau, program chair, 772-4534.

Club UnderALLS Teen Dance Club

"Back to School" Dance

Friday, September 19, 7:00 – 10:00 pm
 Brentwood Community Center, Rte. 125

Pizza, munchies, drinks

Website: www.clubunderalls.com

For information: Michele Whitehouse, 702-1523

Bake Sale on Primary Election Day

The Historical Society will have a bake sale table at the Community Center on **Tuesday, September 9, N.H. Primary Election Day**. Proceeds will benefit the work of the Society in preserving the history and artifacts of the town of Brentwood. Any donations of baked goods from interested residents will be greatly appreciated.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 8 Friends of the Library – 11:30 am, at The Green Bean, Exeter
School Board meeting – 6:00 pm, Swasey School Library
- Sept. 9 **N.H. State Primary Election Day – 8 am-7 pm, Brentwood Community Center, Rte. 125**
- Sept. 10 Brentwood Historical Society guided tour, American Independence Museum – 10:30 am
Conservation Commission – 7:00 pm, Cross Room Town Office Building
Ladies Auxiliary – 7:00 pm, Fire Hall
- Sept. 11 **Ladies' Night at the Movies – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library**
- Sept. 13 **Household Hazardous Waste Collection – 8:00 am-12 noon, Town Highway Dept., Rte. 111A**
Grand Opening, Brentwood Community Playground – 12:30 pm, Community Center. See page 13.
Rev. Angela Menke Ballou, storyteller – Pilgrim Church, 197 Middle Rd. Pizza 5:30, program after. P.12A
- Sept. 15 Library Trustees – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Sept. 16 Ashley's Book Group – 5:30 pm, Bartlett Library
Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Sept. 18 Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Sept. 19 **Club UnderALLS, Teen Dance Club – 7-10 pm, Brentwood Community Center.** See p. 6.
- Sept. 22 Fire Station Building Committee – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Sept. 18 Parent Faculty Group meeting – 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library
- Sept. 23 Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Recreation Commission – 7:00 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building
- Sept. 24 Brentwood Seniors Meeting & Luncheon – 11:00 Social period, 11:30 Bus. Meeting, 11:45 Lunch Buffet,
Community Center, Rte. 125. Ronnie Chase, musical entertainment.
Brentwood Gardeners -- 7:00 pm, Brentwood Community Center, "Fall Magic."
- Sept. 25 **Lara Bricker, author – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library.** Book: "How Do You Milk a Moose?"
- Sept. 27 **Antique & Heirloom Valuation Day –10 am – 1 pm, Historical Society Museum.** See page 13.
- Sept. 29 Book Discussion Group – 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- Sept. 30 Selectmen's meeting – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Oct. 1 Cemetery Trustees – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- Oct. 2 Friends of the Library – 9:30 am, Bartlett Library
Planning Board – 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- Oct. 3 **Star Party – 7 pm, Bartlett Library. Grade 3 and up. Reservations.**
- Oct. 4 **Fall Book Sale , Friends of the Library 9:00-12 noon, \$2 a bag, Mary Bartlett Library**

The public is invited to all above events

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